

# The Achiever

THE ARTHUR O. EVE OPPORTUNITY  
FOR HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

The College at  
Brockport  
Division of  
Enrollment and  
Student Affairs

## FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Let's Get it Started

First, let me welcome each of our new freshmen and new transfers to the EOP Family, who are joining us for the Fall 2014 semester. I also want to welcome our returning students to include all re-admits and those who have been on a leave of absence. If you're like me you are all looking forward to a great year. So, "let's get it started," in a good way. By now each of you should have had at least one meeting with your EOP counselor. I also want to welcome two new counselors, Brandon Leisten and Amorette Shaw to the EOP Staff and also to the EOP Family.

By now all of you are aware that Terrence Harris is now working at Rutgers University and we are in the heart of a search to fill Gabriel Marshall's counselor position. In the meantime we have made sure that each of you have a counselor assigned to you to ensure you get the best service. Some of you even have me as your counselor temporarily. We hope to have a new counselor soon. We will be seeking your input as we interview candidates in the very near future. There is a lot going on and we want you to play your part, so please pay attention to your emails. So stay tuned!

Finally, to the number one purpose, "Getting the best grades possible!" So, again I say, "let's get it started," in a good way. I look forward to speaking with each of you soon so stay tuned.

## Fall Check Release Dates:

**October 9**

**November 20**

**December 4**



September 19—21, 2014

September 2014

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## EOP Welcomes our New Graduate Counselors!



I am **Brandon Leisten** and I am excited to be a graduate counselor for the Educational Opportunity Program. I am currently going for my Master's degree in Public Administration with hopes in being involved with the Rochester City School District and reshaping its future. During my undergraduate years, the EOP program pushed me out of my comfort zone and opened my eyes to the limitless possibilities that are just waiting for students to take advantage of. The Study Abroad program, McNair program, tutoring services, and CSTEP are just some of the many incredible services that are available to students that help mold their future ambitions. The most challenging problem is making students aware about these opportunities and pushing them to get involved with them. My duty as a counselor is get the students more involved with these fantastic programs and to help them expand their horizons. I am proud to be a part of the EOP family.

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Hello! My name is **Amorette Shaw**, I am happy to be one of your Graduate Counselors in the Arthur O. Eve Opportunity for Higher Education Program. Almost 20 years ago, I was a part of the SEEK Program at CUNY City Tech, in Brooklyn, NY, so I know and appreciate the value of having this type of support to assist in academic success.

As students, you have decided that you have goals that will be attainable with higher education. I will do all that I can to walk with you on your path to greatness. Utilizing this time to absorb information and meeting new people will prove invaluable to your brand of "you". Know that you can be anything that you set your mind to. Read the material, attend your professor's office hours and love your major. This is advice that I also follow. I hope to meet all of you soon, stop by and say hi!



## Brockport Homecoming!!!!

When: September 15 – 21  
Theme: *Capturing Courage*

**Monday, September 15 Polaroid Picture Day** Take a picture with Ellsworth and get an instant Polaroid print.

**Tuesday, September 16 Fear Factor** Are you courageous enough to eat some wacky food?

**Wednesday, September 17 Shirt Swap** Get a free Homecoming shirt when you show your school spirit and donate a shirt from another college

**Thursday, September 18 Minute to Win It** Win games and prizes based on the popular game show

**Friday, September 19 Green and Gold Friday – Spirit Day** Show your school spirit and wear Green and Gold

**Saturday, September 20 Homecoming Parade, Pep Rally and Courage Bowl**

# Financial Aid News

Welcome back from your EOP family. The start of the new year is always an exciting busy time. As you know your financial aid package and your student bill are of vital importance to you. You always want to stay completely aware of all details of both, as well as staying on task on time with all of your process obligations. You must make sure that you have signed your promissory notes, accepted your financial aid, affirmed your enrollment, and provided all other requested documentation.

Delaying the process can result in a changed financial aid package and incurring late charges. Sometimes new obligations arise as you work your way through the process. You should check with your counselor on a regular basis to make sure you know where you are. Your student bill is another ongoing process. It is important that you understand all components of your bill. If you are qualified, have you submitted your health insurance waiver? Do you have the correct meal plan for example? Do you have to pay anything, and how much? Is your refund correct? Always remember that any charges you incur can impact any anticipated credit balance disbursements (refund) and/or personal liability for the charges. For those of you getting a refund, make sure you talk with your counselor about the refund and make sure it is accurate. Do you really need the whole thing? Should you use some/all of it to pay down your loans?

Make sure your personal budgeting skills are finely honed. Always look at need vs. desires when it comes to spending your funds. Always remember that there are financial consequences to your actions.

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## Welcome Home from the Family!

Hello Scholars,

First I want to say welcome back to all returning students and welcome to the family to the new freshmen and transfer students. It will be my pleasure to work with you this semester and to assist with your needs. I hope this semester brings you much academic and personal accomplishment. Next I would like to say thank you to all who attended the "Opening of School" celebration it is because of you the event was a success. It is always nice to celebrate with family.

Students we need your help. Please let us know what we can do to draw more students to our social events. The EOP family loves to celebrate with you, if you have suggestions on ways to increase attendance please give them to your counselor.

Have a wonderful, studious semester,  
Lisa Jones



# EOP Writing Workshops

Do you need **help** with improving your writing skills and technique? Having a little **difficulty** formulating a thesis statement or structuring your writing?

**When:** Mondays and Wednesdays 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm  
(Cooper Hall, Room C-25A)  
&  
Thursdays 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
(Rakov, EOP Conference Room)

For more information please contact **Debra Joseph-McEwen**, EOP Academic Coordinator at [djosephm@brockport.ed](mailto:djosephm@brockport.ed) or 585-395-5411

## WOMENS SUPPORT GROUP

Are you interested in becoming a member of the **Women's Support Group**? Do you have an interest in becoming a **Mentor** to younger women? Are you interested in **Empowering** one another? Or are you looking to **build positive relationships** and find **support**? If so, here's the perfect opportunity to get involved!

For more information contact **Latasha Craig**, Senior Counselor at (585)395-5437 or [lcraig@brockport.edu](mailto:lcraig@brockport.edu)



**Mark Your Calendar!!!**  
**The 36th Annual Honors & Recognition Banquet**  
**When: Saturday, April 4, 2015**  
**Where: Seymour College Union**

# EOP's Peer Assisted Learning

**EOP's Peer Assisted Learning (PAL) Program** offers students another opportunity to practice their learning. We offer guided study groups for specific classes. The groups are facilitated by a student who, like our peer tutors, has earned a high grade in the class and is recommended by the professor.

Students attending can expect the peer to support them through the material they want to learn, helping them not just understand challenging content, but also realize that they can learn better skills .

Any student enrolled in the specific class may attend the study group. You'll find that this opportunity is not just for students having trouble. Successful students use this opportunity to maintain and increase their competence in course material.



**When:** Tuesdays and Thursdays  
9:15pm – 11:15pm  
(Starting Tuesday, Sept. 2nd)

**Where:** Drake Memorial Library  
(Keifer Room)

**What subjects/courses:** Varies  
Math courses, PSH 110, PSH 202,  
BIO 111, pre-requisite nursing  
courses and writing



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**EOP's One-on-One Peer Tutoring Program** provides students the opportunity to receive individualized tutorial support through being matched with a tutor who in many instances has had the same professor and or course, and who has received a high grade in the specific subject content area in which the student requires additional help. This tutorial support program not only aids students in being academically successful, but also in acquiring and developing study skills , strategies and techniques as well as to aid in better understanding the course content.

The tutorial supports of this program are designed to address the academic needs of the student and tailored to accommodate both the schedules of the student and tutor, thus allowing for the student to meet their assigned tutor(s) as needed to maximize on their learning potential within the sessions and their academic success within their courses.

**Why are good grades important?** We live in a world with a highly competitive job market. Your grades can make the difference in your being selected for that job/career you are pursuing or being accepted for admittance into the graduate program and graduate school of your choice. You want to stand out and above the rest.

Don't settle for mediocrity. Get the supports you need to be all you can be academically.

See your counselor. Read and complete that tutoring form. Review it with your assigned counselor. Your counselor must initial the form.

Then submit it in person to: Academic Coordinator (**Debra Joseph-McEwen**).

For more information please contact **Debra Joseph-McEwen**, EOP Academic Coordinator at [djosephm@brockport.edu](mailto:djosephm@brockport.edu) or 395-5411.



## **Come Celebrate Your Birthday!!!!**



**September 18, 2014**  
**October 16, 2014**  
**November 20, 2014**  
**February 19, 2015**  
**March 19, 2015**  
**April 16, 2015**

**for August/September 2014 birthdays**  
**for October birthdays**  
**for November/ December 2014 birthdays**  
**for January/February 2015 birthdays**  
**for March birthdays**  
**for April/May 2015 birthdays**

# What is XAE?

The Achiever

The Chi Alpha Epsilon(XAE) Epsilon Rho Chapter is an Honor Society at The College at Brockport that was chartered in 2008

## What is XAE's purpose?

XAE's purpose is to...

Promote continued high academic standards

Foster increased communication among its members

Honor academic excellence achieved by those students

To promote civic engagement through community involvement



## Why should I become a member of XAE?

To have your outstanding academic achievements formally recognized and honored

To motivate current and future EOP students to strive for high academic goals

## How can I become a part of XAE?

Students are eligible for this membership if they have maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or higher for the last two consecutive semesters

## Who can I talk to if I have further questions about XAE?

Feel free to contact Debra Joseph-McEwen, XAE Co-Advisor at (585) 395-5411 or [djosephm@brockport.edu](mailto:djosephm@brockport.edu)

## ALSO....

We encourage you to visit the Chi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society website at [www.xaehonor.com](http://www.xaehonor.com) to learn information about this organization.

*Now that you have answers to your questions regarding this awesome honor society....*

*We challenge you to strive for academic excellence*

*AND....*

*We are looking for more active involvement from our EOP students!!!*

**\*\*\*We cordially invite you to attend our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Induction Ceremony on Friday, November 7, 2014, at 3:00 pm, in the New York Room of Cooper Hall\*\*\***

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT!



## SHAKELA AND MARCIA'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE

**Shakela Wesley** and **Marcia Albarracin** are off on their great adventures. Marcia is doing a semester-long internship at Disney in Florida. Shakela Wesley is studying in England for the semester. May they both have happy and successful experiences.

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**Highlights of the Fall 2014  
Welcome Back Celebration**